



# SEAT PLEASANT NEWSLETTER



## Exciting Leadership Changes in Seat Pleasant City Council!



Dear Residents of Seat Pleasant,

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you regarding recent leadership changes within our city council. After a successful election, we are pleased to announce that Council Member Gerald Raynor from Ward 4 has been elected as the new Council President. Additionally, Council Member James Wright Jr, representing the At-Large position, has been elected as the Council Vice President.

Council Member Gerald Raynor, a dedicated public servant, has been serving the residents of Ward 4 with unwavering commitment and passion for several years. With his experience, knowledge, and drive, we have no doubt that he will excel in his new role as Council President. Mr. Raynor has consistently demonstrated his ability to advocate for the needs and concerns of our community, and we are confident that he will continue to do so as Council President.

Council Member James Wright Jr., in his position as an At-Large Council member, has shown exceptional leadership and an unwavering dedication to the betterment of Seat Pleasant. With his invaluable experience and insights, Mr. Wright will undoubtedly excel as the Council Vice President. We are certain that his collaborative approach and forward-thinking mindset will contribute significantly to the council's decision-making process.

Both Council Member Raynor and Council Member Wright Jr have proven to be exemplary leaders, dedicated to representing the interests of Seat Pleasant residents and fostering positive change in our community. Their recent appointments as Council President and Council Vice President, respectively, highlight their exceptional abilities and the trust that their fellow council members have placed in them.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Council President Gerald Raynor and Council Vice President James Wright Jr on their well-deserved appointments. We have no doubt that they will lead our city council with integrity, transparency, and a commitment to serving the best interests of our community. The City of Seat Pleasant would also like to express its gratitude to At-Large Council Member Shireka McCarthy, who served as President over the past few years, for her exceptional leadership and contributions. Likewise, Councilwoman Kizzie Scott, the former Vice President, is acknowledged for her dedication to the city's progress.

Please join us in welcoming Council President Raynor and Council Vice President Wright Jr. to their new roles. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact they will make in Seat Pleasant.



The City of Seat Pleasant  
*A Smart City of Excellence*

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Open weekdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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# Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month in Seat Pleasant



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us! At Seat Pleasant, we proudly honor and appreciate the invaluable contributions of our Hispanic residents to our vibrant community. Join us in a month-long celebration of Hispanic culture, from savoring delicious traditional cuisine to enjoying captivating music and dance performances. Explore the rich tapestry of Hispanic heritage through art exhibitions, cultural workshops, and engaging talks that showcase the diversity and resilience of this community. Let's come together to learn, share, and embrace the beautiful traditions that make Seat Pleasant a culturally rich and inclusive place to call home.

## Seat Pleasant First Fridays!



What a wonderful way to spend our Friday evenings! The City of Seat Pleasant hosted two fantastic First Fridays concerts, one on August 4th and another on September 1st, and we were delighted to see our Mayor, dedicated councilmembers, our hardworking staff, and enthusiastic community members all coming together to enjoy these musical evenings. It was a truly pleasant experience, filled with great music and even greater company. We're thrilled to continue this tradition of unity and celebration in our vibrant community. Keep an eye out for more exciting events in Seat Pleasant!





The City of Seat Pleasant 2024 Election for the Mayor and City Council is right around the corner! Information pertaining to the election will be shared here.

Seat Pleasant residents may obtain a Maryland Voter Registration Application at the City of Seat Pleasant City Hall, 6301 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday – Friday.

You may access voter registration information at the State Board of Elections at [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) or the Prince George's County Board of Elections at [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov)

In order to vote in City elections, you must be a resident registered to vote in accordance with the regulations of Prince George's County and the City's Charter. Every person who is registered with the County Board of Elections and is a resident of the City of Seat Pleasant shall be entitled to vote in all City elections.

Seat Pleasant Election Day is Monday, September 9, 2024



## Visit Our Library!

Bring your little ones to explore a world of imagination and knowledge right here in Seat Pleasant. Our Mini Library is filled with a wide assortment of children's books, covering various genres and reading levels.





THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

# City Council Meeting

**PUBLIC  
SESSION**

MONDAY  
OCT 9TH  
7:00 PM



To join the City Council Zoom webinar meeting, you must register on our website

Please submit your citizens comments to the [CitizenComment.PublicSession@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:CitizenComment.PublicSession@seatpleasantmd.gov) by Monday, October 9th by 5:00 P.M

When attending the council meetings and to review the agenda for any council meetings, please follow the below steps:

Step 1-Go to the city's website at [www.seatpleasantmd.gov](http://www.seatpleasantmd.gov)

Step 2-Go the Departments, drop-down button, and select the City Clerk

Step 3- On the City Clerk page, go to BoardDocs to review the meeting agenda.

Please feel free to contact the Office of the City Clerk with any questions you may have regarding the above steps directly by e-mail at [dlanham@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:dlanham@seatpleasantmd.gov) or by telephone on 301-336-2600





# SPPD NEWS

## SPPD EXPLORER POST 1931

**SEAT PLEASANT POLICE EXPLORER POST 1931**

CHARACTER | INTEGRITY | HONOR | SERVICE | RESPECT | TRUST | DUTY

WEEKLY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 6011 ADDISON ROAD SEAT PLEASANT MD 20743

**EXPLORING™**  
DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE

**ARE YOU A PERSON OF**

- LEADERSHIP?
- DISCIPLINE?
- PUNCTUALITY?
- GOOD CHARACTER?
- SELF-RESPECT?

**JOIN OUR POLICE EXPLORERS PROGRAM!!**

THE EXPLORERS PROGRAM IS A WORK - BASED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS. EXPLORERS INTERACT WITH POLICE OFFICERS, LEARN WHAT POLICE OFFICERS DO, AND BECOME A PART OF A FAMILY. THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE PROGRAM IS COMMUNITY SERVICE. EXPLORERS GO OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND INTERACT WITH STAKE HOLDERS, BUSINESS PARTNERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, SWORN OFFICIALS AND MORE. THEY ULTIMATELY BECOME A POSITIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- ◆ MUST BE BETWEEN AGES 12-20
- ◆ MUST PASS CRIMINAL BACKGROUND
- ◆ MUST MAINTAIN A MINIMUM GPA OF 2.5
- ◆ MUST BE ABLE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

**How To Join**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

✉ EMAIL [COPS@SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV](mailto:COPS@SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV) TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE

☎ OFFICE: 301-499-8700 EXT: 3016

Explorer Post 1931 is coming soon! The Explorers program is for young men and women interested in a future career in law enforcement, a career in the criminal justice system, or those interested in developing their personal & professional skills.

The Explorers Program is a work-based training program for young adults. Explorers interact with police officers, learn what police officers do, and become a part of a family. The main focus of the program is community service. Explorers go out into the community and interact with stakeholders, business partners, elected officials, sworn officials, and more. They ultimately become a positive member of society!

Be on the lookout for more information! If interested in joining, email us at [cops@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:cops@seatpleasantmd.gov) or call 301- 499-8700 extension 3016.

**FOLLOW THE SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT ON  
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# FREE STEERING WHEEL LOCKS

Owners of Kia and Hyundai vehicles can stop by the Seat Pleasant Police Department for a free steering wheel lock!

This is offered in an effort to significantly reduce the number of stolen vehicle incidents that occur within the area.

REMINDER: Kia and Hyundai have deployed a theft resolution campaign for their vehicles. A free software update is available for owners of 2017- 2020 Elantra, 2015-2019 Sonata, and 2020-2021 Venue vehicles. This update will assist in decreasing the chance of you being a victim of motor vehicle theft.



**SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# FREE

## STEERING WHEEL LOCKS FOR OWNERS OF KIA AND HYUNDAI VEHICLES

**PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

**SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**9 AM - 5 PM**  
**6011 ADDISON ROAD**

     
**@SPPDNEWS**

[SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV/POLICE](http://SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV/POLICE)

# AUTO THEFT PREVENTION



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**IN THE US EVERY 41 SECONDS AN AUTOMOBILE IS STOLEN**

**PREVENT YOUR CAR FROM BEING NEXT!**

**HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS:**

-  DONT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE RUNNING WHILE UNATTENDED
-  EVEN IF YOU USE A FOB, YOUR VEHICLE CAN STILL BE DRIVEN AWAY WITHOUT IT
-  ALWAYS CLOSE YOUR WINDOWS, LOCK YOUR DOORS AND REMOVE KEY WHEN EXITING
-  PARK IN A WELL LIT AREA IF POSSIBLE

 **SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT**   
*Serving "A Smart City of Excellence"*

According to FBI data, a vehicle is stolen every 41 seconds. Annual losses total \$6 billion at an average of \$8,407 per incident.

Anti-theft options are becoming more and more sophisticated, which can sometimes lead to a false sense of security. Car thieves are also becoming more sophisticated. It's important for car owners to take steps to protect their vehicles. For most of us, our cars are one of our largest investments – and something we depend on.

Be sure to do your part so to decrease the risk of becoming a victim of auto theft.

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# ADULT-USE CANNABIS GUIDE

Effective July 1, 2023, adults 21+ can purchase cannabis from licensed dispensaries.

You can use cannabis in private homes and private property, but smoking cannabis in public is prohibited. This includes parks, streets and sidewalks, bars and restaurants, moving cars, and public transportation.

You can purchase and possess up to 1.5 ounces of cannabis flower, 12 grams of concentrated cannabis, or a total amount of cannabis products that does not exceed 750 mg THC. This amount is known as the "personal use amount."

You can grow two indoor plants per household, out of view.

Importantly, landlords and property owners can prohibit growing cannabis on their properties.

Cannabis use impairs your ability to drive safely. It can result in slower reaction time, coordination, and concentration. If you are impaired while driving, even as a certified patient with a medical card, a law enforcement officer can pull you over and conduct a sobriety test. You can receive a DUI citation.

If you are transporting cannabis in your car or vehicle, it should be in the trunk or in a sealed package.

Visit [mmcc.maryland.gov](https://mmcc.maryland.gov) for more information.

*Hey Maryland*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

BE INFORMED. BE RESPONSIBLE. BE SAFE.

### GUIDE TO ADULT-USE CANNABIS IN MARYLAND

#### Know the Laws

  
**PURCHASE & POSSESSION**  
Adults 21+ with valid ID can purchase and possess up to:  
• 1.5 ounces of flower  
• 12 grams of concentrates  
• Edible products up to 750 mg THC

  
**EMPLOYMENT**  
Check with your employer about their policies. The new law does not prevent employers from drug testing employees.

  
**HOME GROW**  
Adults 21+ can grow 2 indoor plants per household, out of view. Landlords and property managers may have restrictions.

  
**DUI**  
If you feel different, you drive different. Driving under the influence of cannabis is illegal and can lead to a DUI.

  
**KEEP IN-STATE**  
Cannabis is federally illegal. This means you can't:  
• Use or possess on federal property (parks, military bases, etc.)  
• Mail any cannabis product  
• Transport it across state lines

  
**RESALE**  
It is illegal for anyone other than a licensed dispensary to sell cannabis.

#### Use Responsibly

  
**START LOW, GO SLOW**  
Start with a low dose and wait to feel the effects before using more. Effects can vary from person to person and day to day. It may take 2 hours or more for edibles to "kick-in."

  
**SMOKE-FREE SPACES**  
Cannabis can't be smoked in public spaces, including streets and sidewalks, parks and schools, bars and restaurants, and on public transportation.

  
**SAFE STORAGE**  
Keep all cannabis products:  
• Locked up  
• Out of reach and out of sight  
• In their original child-resistant packaging

If you have consumed too much, call the Maryland Poison Center, 800-222-1222.

**MCA**  
MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION

To learn more visit: [cannabis.maryland.gov](https://cannabis.maryland.gov)

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# Join Councilwoman Hope Love for Her 3rd Annual Prayer Breakfast

We are excited to invite you to Councilwoman Hope Love's highly anticipated 3rd Annual Prayer Breakfast! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. This event promises to be a morning of inspiration, connection, and community building.

## What to Expect:

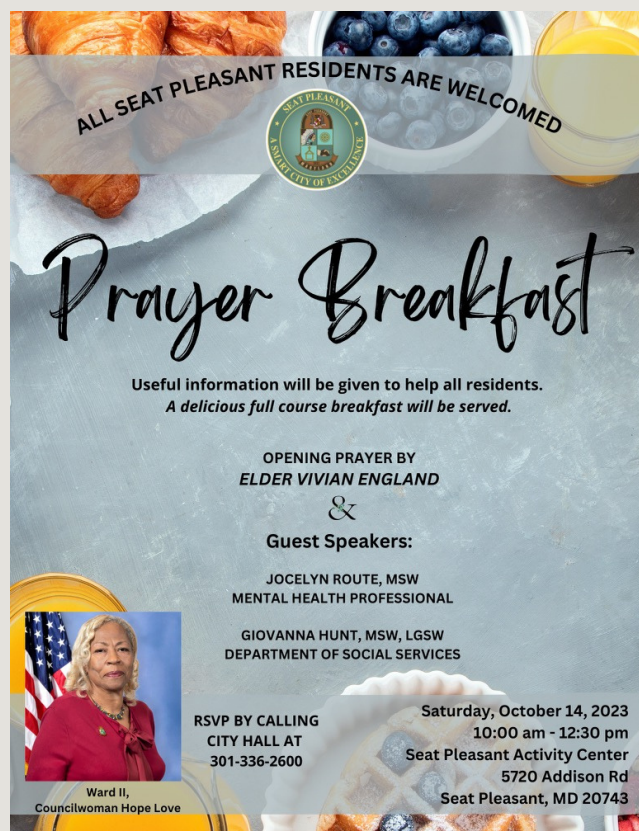
**Delicious Full-Course Breakfast:** Start your day right with a scrumptious full-course breakfast that will tantalize your taste buds and provide you with the energy you need for a fantastic day ahead.

**Useful Tips for Residents:** Councilwoman Love has prepared a set of valuable tips that will benefit all residents. Whether you're new to the community or a long-time resident, you'll find these insights invaluable.

**Guest Speakers:** We are thrilled to have two distinguished guest speakers joining us. They will share their wisdom, experiences, and insights to help you navigate challenges you may be facing.

## RSVP Information:

To secure your spot at this wonderful event, please RSVP by calling City Hall at 301-336-2600. We encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, and loved ones as long as they are a resident of Seat Pleasant to join us for this meaningful gathering.



**DON'T WAIT! SCAN THE CODE AND STAY INFORMED!**

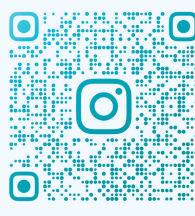
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